

## ANNEX K

### TRANSPORTATION

#### A. PURPOSE

Transportation of persons, supplies and equipment is a primary factor in reducing the effects of a natural disaster. Speed, efficiency and coordination of transportation operations can reduce casualties, suffering and loss of property and is essential for speedy recovery in a stricken area. This annex deals with resources and responsibilities for transportation services, which are vital in disaster operations, such as mass evacuation, medical evacuation, transporting food, medicine, clothing and other essential items, equipment and essential personnel.

#### B. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

1. The Office of Emergency Services receives requests from the County Emergency Services organization for additional transportation services and will coordinate transportation operations with supporting State agencies.
2. The State Division of Highways is the primary agency for movement of supplies and equipment. Their resources include trucks, heavy equipment and fuel. In the event their resources are not available, other State agencies with transportation resources will be utilized.
3. Transportation resources may be acquired from the Department of Education, Bureau of Senior Services, Division of Corrections, National Guard (if activated), and other State agencies through the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services.
4. The Department of Health and Human Resources/Bureau for Public Health is responsible for transportation services required for medical evacuations beyond local capability. The Office of Emergency Services coordinates support, if needed.
  5. All State agencies' transportation resources are utilized as the situation determines.
  6. Transportation resources and assistance may be acquired from the private business sector. The Office of Emergency Services will coordinate such acquisitions.
  7. The Transportation Division of the Department of Education coordinates the use of

county school transportation resources during an emergency and assists in transportation planning.

8. Air transportation resources are available from the Aviation Division of the Department of Administration, the State Police, WV DEP, CAP and, upon activation, the National Guard.

9. The National Guard, when activated by the Governor, supports all phases of transportation operations.

10. The Civil Air Patrol will support air transportation operations on a volunteer basis when requested by the State Office of Emergency Services.

11. Temporary road closures due to winter storm conditions may be authorized only by one of the following State officials or their designated alternates: the Governor, the Superintendent of the State Police, and the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

#### C. TASK ASSIGNMENTS

##### 1. State

##### a. Office of Emergency Services

(1) Maintains transportation inventory according to type and controlling agency.

(2) Coordinates requests for transportation resources and designates appropriate agency for task.

##### b. Division of Highways

(1) Transportation of supplies and equipment to a disaster area.

(2) In coordination with the State Office of Emergency Services following a proclamation of an emergency by the Governor, fuel supply priorities will be placed in effect. (See Appendix 1).

- c. Department of Administration
  - (1) Can supply vehicles on a limited basis as the situation dictates.
  - (2) The Aviation Division has limited air transportation capabilities.
- d. Other State Agencies support ground transportation operations with vehicles assigned to their department. All such requests are coordinated with the State Office of Emergency Services.
- e. Department of Education
  - (1) Transportation officer assists in emergency transportation planning.
  - (2) Coordinates the use of county school buses and drivers.
- f. Other Support Agencies
  - (1) The Division of Corrections can provide buses if the situation warrants.
  - (2) The Bureau of Senior Services can support with sedans, vans or small buses.
  - (3) The Appalachian Regional Commission can:
    - (a) advise on transportation operations; and
    - (b) supply a limited number of buses that are owned by the State and leased to private transit authorities.
  - (4) The Public Service Commission, Motor Carrier Division, assists and advises the Office of Emergency Services on available intrastate "for hire" transportation resources.
- g. All agencies/departments keep a current inventory of transportation resources and their service condition.
- h. All State agencies/departments keep accurate documentation of resources utilized in emergency transportation operations to substantiate requests for Federal assistance and to secure reimbursement when available.

2. Federal

- a. The US Coast Guard has jurisdiction over the navigable rivers and the barge traffic upon them.
- b. The US Coast Guard and the US Army Corps of Engineers are the only agencies authorized to close the navigable rivers to traffic.
- c. During flood operations the US Coast Guard can provide assistance if needed with \*flood punts. (\*small aluminum boats).

C. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

- 1. West Virginia Code, Chapter 5A, Article 6, as amended
- 2. West Virginia Code, Chapter 5F, Article 2, as amended
- 3. West Virginia Code, Chapter 15, Article 5, Sections 6 and 12, as amended
- 4. West Virginia Code, Chapter 17, Article 16, as amended
- 5. Federal Response Plan, April 1995, as amended
- 6. West Virginia Petroleum Emergency Contingency Plan, as amended

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APPENDIX 1  
FUEL SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

In the event of widespread commercial power outages, the Division of Highways (DOH) is the only State agency that has a fixed backup generator capability at each of their dispensing facilities. Priorities will be set for fueling the following types of emergency vehicles at DOH facilities in the event of lengthy power outages.

Response Phase

Highways  
National Guard  
Emergency Medical Services  
Fire Services  
State Police  
County Sheriff/Deputy's  
Municipal Police  
Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection  
State OES  
County OES  
Education  
American Red Cross

Recovery Phase

Highways  
National Guard  
Health  
Fire Marshal  
Corrections  
State OES  
County OES  
Education  
FEMA  
American Red Cross

A situation could develop which threatens to disrupt or diminish the supply of fuel to the extent that public health, safety, and welfare may be jeopardized. Refer to the West Virginia Petroleum Emergency Contingency Plan for more detailed guidance on fuel supply management in times of emergencies.